

Frankenlust Township News

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From The Supervisor...Hilda Dijak

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We are settling in anticipating winter. The economy has hit us hard in the building department. One good thing is the housing prices are going down. If you are looking for a new home it is a good time to buy. Maybe the lowered interest rates will help with financing. The November election has only two questions. One is the library and the other is a millage for the Township. We have an election in January.

Road repairs have increased dramatically. That's not good news. Even the primary roads are in need of repairs. The state is trying to eliminate Townships. We feel that is bad for you and of course us. The County would collect your taxes and tell you where to vote. You would have very little control on how your taxes are spent. We feel it would cost the State more money in the long run, but of course, they know best. If you know anybody in state government please voice your opinion. There wouldn't be anyone handy to handle your questions. The smaller the Township the less clout your voice would carry.

The state says there are duplications of services. Yes, we don't all need a fire department and a police department. However, whenever we buy these services from the County we pay as much as we would if we had our own. These issues have gotten little press. I think that is because they don't want you to know about what you can lose.

Good news for those of you on the original M-84 sewer. This is your final year for your assessment. One bill paid off.

Happy Holidays and remember...November 4th we...



New Safety Millage

There will be a question on the November election about a safety millage for the Township of Frankenlust. The question is:

SHALL THE TOTAL TAX RATE LIMITATION ON ALL TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP BE INCREASED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 1 MILL (\$1.00 ON EACH \$1,000.00 OF TAXABLE VALUE) FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, 2008 THROUGH 2017 INCLUSIVE, FOR POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION

PURPOSES; AND SHALL THE TOWNSHIP LEVY SUCH MILLAGE FOR THOSE PURPOSES; WHICH WILL RAISE AN ESTIMATED \$137,000.00 IN 2008?

This is the final year for the seven tenths (7/10) of a millage for FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT. We are asking if you would replace that millage with a new safety millage of 1 (one) mill to be used for fire department or police protection for the next 10 years. The increase would amount to \$30 MORE per year on a home valued at \$200,000 (taxable value \$100,000) or \$15 on a \$100,000 value hone (taxable value \$50,000) or \$7.50 on a \$50,000 (\$25,000 taxable value).

By calling it a safety millage, we would be able to use the funds for any fire department expenses. Currently we are limited to using the funds for EQUIPMENT only. We also could use those funds for police protection. We currently pay the County approximately \$10,000 annually for Road Patrol. We also pay about \$74,000 per year for our fire department expenses over and above equipment. This all comes out of the General Fund.

We have not been able to get more Road Patrol because we could not afford it. With this new millage we may be able to add more police protection. Think about it. Vote on the SAFETY MILLAGE in November.

Examples of how to calculate your cost:

	Now you pay	If passed you will pay
Taxable Value X	.0007	.001
\$55,119	\$38.58	\$55.11
40,788	28.55	49.78
77,450	54.22	77.45
159,471	111.63	159.47

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Fiscal Year Taxes Fiscal Report Taxes Fiscal Year

From the Treasurer...Mary M. Revord

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I am again including the fiscal year report for the Township of all funds for July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007. If you have any questions please contact me.

	Actual End of Year
Account Description	7/1/06 – 6/30/07
FIRE 206	
Balance 7/1/06	\$ 219,970.09
Receipts	\$ 96,195.03
Disbursements	\$ (60,153.10)
Balance 6/30/07	\$ 256,012.02

